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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



Teachers, professors, community writers, and ENVIS students participate in Summer Writing Workshop in Glendale.

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“Imagination in the Ruins” Workshop



Mr. John Bishop, local resident and historian of Glendale, tells a story to the group as Professor Lane listens and takes notes.



Participants prepare for one of their many walks through the Glendale Shoals area.

In June of 2011 local Spartanburg County teachers, writers, ENVIS professor Kaye Savage, and ENVIS students Jacob Godwin and Andrea Kelsey, gathered at the Goodall Center for a 4-day workshop with writers-in-residence Janisse Ray, Drew Lanham, and John Lane. The writers-in-residence led the group in a series of walks, discussions, a late afternoon reading (in town at the Hub City Bookshop and open to the public), and on-site workshops that explored the village of Glendale and damaged Piedmont landscape that surrounds it.

Through personal essays, poetry, and fiction the group

explored how nature writers contribute to our understanding and appreciation of imperfect landscapes, places that have been utilized, abused and altered by centuries of human activity.

A selection of the essays, poems, and stories completed by the group will be gathered for an anthology to be edited by John Lane and published in the first issue of a new digital magazine to be premiered on The Southern Nature Project web site (www.southernnature.org) in spring 2012.

“Imagination in the Ruins” is the second outreach workshop funded by Wofford College’s M.A. Cargill Foundation grant.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

September

Black Science Annex Courtyard: Your help is need in the courtyard of the Environmental Studies Department. Please come by and pull some weeds in the garden.

September 10th

23rd Annual Lake Sweep: Spartanburg Water is hosting this event at Lake Bowen Park on Highway 9 from 8:00 am-noon. This is part of a statewide effort to help keep Spartanburg's waterways clean. Volunteers will receive a t-shirt and a free lunch. For more information, contact John Moore at **578-5442** or by email at jmoore@spartanburgwater.org.

October 1st

Glendale Outdoor Leadership (GOLS): Take a Kid Mountain Biking, 10:00 – 11:30 am at Croft State Park. For more information and to see other activities, such as kayaking, indoor rock climbing, ropes courses, visit www.setgols.org.

October 1st

City of Spartanburg's International Festival: Enjoy food, entertainment, and shopping in Barnet Park, 11:00 am-7:00 pm.

October 8th

iRecycle Half Marathon/5K Run: Starts at 8:00 am in front of the S. Pine Street YMCA. Register online at <http://go-greenevents.com/event/id/241>. Visit their website at <http://www.irecycledoyou.net/> for a race map and more information.

Welcome Back to School!

Stop by the ENVS office and say hello!

We'd love to see you!

Career Resources

<http://ncseonline.org/CampusToCareers/>

ORGANIZATION PROFILE:

North American Association for Environmental Education

The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) is a membership association that helps environmental professionals teach others to be environmentally conscious. Their mission is "to advance environmental education and support environmental educators in Canada, the United States, and Mexico."

NAAEE provides networking with other professionals and organizations, conferences for

training, programs for different educational levels, and advice for publication and outreach strategies to get your environmental message out to the community.

Their website is a great resource for job opportunities, posting environmental research, or learning about environmental events and activities that are happening around the country. Visit the site, <http://www.naaee.net/> to learn more or become a member.